



**Mayor Jim Gray**

## LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Division of Fire and Emergency Services  
Fire Prevention

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**Ordinances and life safety codes are in effect for:**

### FIRE PITS AND COOKING GRILLS

While the model codes currently do not specifically address the L.F.U.C.G. open burning ordinance (Sec. 9-20. building rubbish specifically prohibited) does provide on the use of these appliances. The main intent of the allow property owners a means of eliminating tree and obtaining a permit that will allow burning of this debris. placed in the category of recreational fires. Fire pits retail outlets are small in size and have chimneys or a screen to help eliminate burning embers. Always follow directions for the placement and use of these purchased appliances.



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When a fire pit is built, as opposed to one manufactured, the size of the pit should be considered. A large fire pit can create a lot of fire and smoke and generate complaints from neighbors. These complaints are handled by fire companies coming to your home and putting the fire out.

N.F.P.A. 1, the state adopted fire code, does address recreational fires in the form of bon fires and places a limit of these types of fires at three feet in diameter and two feet high. Again this can create a large amount of fire and smoke. A spark arrester screen on top should be utilized like the fire pits sold at area stores to minimize the release of burning embers. When building a pit choose a location that does not have overhead wires, trees, or combustible buildings or structures within 25 feet. Further details on construction can be found through professional landscape designers.

### GRILLS ON MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

N.F.P.A. 1, the state adopted fire code states:

"For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, gas-fired grill, charcoal grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10 ft (3 m) of any structure. Listed electric ranges, grills, or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted." other grills are prohibited.



**Should you have questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 859-231-5668.**

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